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SUBJECT: GOS GRANTS PERMITS FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

1. DAKAR MEDIA REPORTED APRIL 13 THAT THE FRENCH GROUP ELF WOULD BE GRANTED PETROLEUM PROSPECTING RIGHTS FOR A 76,000 SQUARE KILOMETER AREA COMPRISING NEARLY THE ENTIRE WESTERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY. ELF PLANS TO SPEND ABOUT $12 MILLION ON EXPLORATION COSTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL EXPLAINS THAT ELF HAS ALREADY SPENT OVER $80 MILLION ON OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION IN SENEGAL. (ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO ELF DISCOVERED THE 100 MILLION TON DOME FLORE DEPOSIT OFF-SHORE SENEGAL'S SOUTHERN CASAMANCE REGION. THE DEPOSIT REMAINS UNEXPLOITABLE COMMERCIALLY.) THE ARTICLE ADDS THAT ELF'S RETURN TO SENEGAL IS EXPLAINED BY ITS FAMILIARITY WITH AREA AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN EXPLORATION FOR "PETROL TRAPS." ELF WILL PARTICIPATE ONLY IN ON-SHORE EXPLORATION.

2. SAME ARTICLE INDICATED THAT CHEVRON OVERSEAS, AFFILIATE OF STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN GRANTED PERMIT FOR OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION IN CASAMANCE REGION. CHEVRON, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE BEGAN NEGOTIATING WITH
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THE GOS LAST SUMMER, HAS RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN OFFSHORE EXPLORATION IN GAMBIAN WATERS AS WELL.

3. COMMENT: CHEVRON OFFICIAL WHO OBTAINED PERMIT TOLD EMBOFF HIS COMPANY IS LOOKING FOR TRAP ADJACENT DOME FLORE DEPOSIT WHICH MIGHT CONTAIN LIGHTER, MORE EASILY

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EXPLOITABLE CRUDE. HE CONCEDED THAT CHANCES OF
SUCCESSFUL STRIKE ARE QUITE SLIM.
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